

**Amendment After Final Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 8, 2010 (hereinafter the “Office Action”), finally rejecting claims 1, 13-15 and 24-26, allowing claims 16-19, and presenting an election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1, 13-19 and 24-26) for continued examination, with traverse; and

Further, certain claims are canceled as set forth in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.